

upon their knees,* Secure, on
 beholding their
 ' friend^ of teing protected, thy
 friends^ the gods?
 abandoned the rest of their todies in
 sacrificed
 . XYXIL 6* (Deyout men), competent to offer
 sacrifices,
 haTe known the thrice seven mystic rites
 comprised
 in thee/ and, mththenij worshipped th^e_a Bo-
 thcra^
 therefore, with like affection, protect their
 cattle*
 and all that (belongs to them), moveable. or
 sta-
 tionary,
 7, AGXI, who art cognkast of all
 things to-be
 known, eyer provide, for the- subsistence of
 men?
 grief-alleviating (food). So thou be the
 diligent-
 bearer of oblations, -and messenger of the
 gods,
 knowing the paths' between (earth and
 heaven), by
 which they travel
 8, The seven pure rivers that flow
 from heaven
 (are directed, AGOT, by thee: by thee the
 priests)^

^s *AWijnu* ; or It may be-applied to *Agni* kneeling before thfim.

• ^b So'the text *Dem vai yajnam <stanwat&g*—The god% verily, constitoted the sacrince. But the expression is^ still, obsenre, and refers to some legend, probably, 'which has not been preserved.

• ^c *Giikydni* * * *yaM*^—secret or mysterious steps, by which heaven is to be obtained ; meaning the ceremonies of ti.e *Tedas*. T'hese axe arranged in- three classes, eaeb.

consisting of seven, or:
 the *Pakayajnat*, those in which food of some, kind is
 offered, as
 in the *Aupasana*, *Hema*, *Vais&adeva*, *fyc.*; the
HawryajTias, thoss
 in which clarified butter is presented, as at the
AgnydSkejia,
*Dars*³ *Ptirmmds&y* and others; and the.
*'Swnayajnas** the Brin-
 cipal part of which is the libation of the *Soma* juice,
 as She
AtyagnisMoma, *fyc.*- All these are comprised in
ii because they cannot be celebrated without fire.